MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): with reference to answer to part (*a*) (2), may I know from the Government the total number of applications out of which 1,341 were selected?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I presume, Sir, that 1,341 will be 20 per cent of the total number of applications received.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether out of those rejected there are deserving cases that require concession?

MR. C. V CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I cannot say that.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know whether the question of giving fee concession to all deserving cases is engaging the attention of Government?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know why Government adopt community and not the position of individual candidates as the basis for giving fee concession?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*); In the present state of public life, Government have to adopt community as the basis for so many things.

Employees in the Government Mint.

106 ✻ MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of employees in the various grades in the Government Mint; and

(*b*) how many Muslims there are in each grade?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) One.

(*b*) None. One Muslim is acting.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the nature of the one post in the Government Mint?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): There is only one post of a peon, Sir.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): To my question as to how many Muslims there are, the answer is none, and at the same time it is said one Muslim is acting. How can the two statements be reconciled?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): In the permanent establishment there is no Muslim. In the acting establishment, there is one Muslim.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): May I know the total number of hands in the permanent establishment?

RAO BAHADUR A. RENGASWAMI AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Only one. Sir.

PRESIDENT: How to divide that communally? (*Laughter*)

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